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USING ELECTRON BEAM

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ABSTRACT:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a method of easily detecting wiring defect by observing a wide area using an electron beam tester.

SOLUTION: The method of detecting wiring defect comprises a floating step of floating a wiring 2, an irradiation step of irradiating the wiring with an electron beam under the condition where the wiring is electrified to a negative

potential, a supplying step of supplying a positive voltage

from one external terminal 3 of the wiring, and an observing step of observing a potential contrast image of the wiring 2. The breaking point 2p between the bright section and the dark section of the wiring 2 on the potential contrast image is detected.

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